

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this patent application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments, and the following remarks.

The amendments to this patent application are as follows. Claim 24 which was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by *Pedginski* (WO 95/33013), has now been cancelled. Thus, the only remaining claims are claims 14, 18 and 21 which were indicated as having allowable subject matter.

Withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

In response to the nonstatutory double patenting rejection, a proper Terminal Disclaimer is being filed along with the required U.S.P.T.O. fee, and along with this Amendment. Withdrawal of this double patenting rejection is respectfully requested.

For all of the above reasons, none of the prior art references provide an identical disclosure of the claimed invention. Hence the present invention is not anticipated under 35 U.S.C. 102.

Also, the present invention is not rendered obvious under 35 U.S.C. 103 by any combination of prior art references. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

In summary, claims 1-13, 15-17, 19-20, and 22-26 have been cancelled. Claims 14, 18 and 21 are pending, and have been indicated as being allowable. In view of these amendments, it is firmly believed that the present invention and all the claims are now in condition for allowance. A prompt notification of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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